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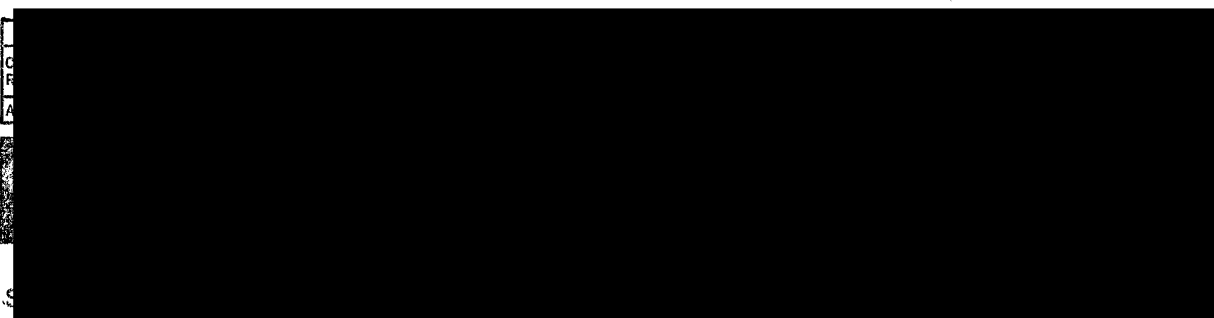
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1. The machine factory at Piesok (Pl9/T02) is a part of the industrial complex managed from Podbrezova (Q49/D06). The equipment for the plant was brought from Bohemia, especially from the confiscated plant, Mach and Fischer, and was originally set up with a capacity for the production of approximately 3,000 metric tons of steel bridge members per year. Facilities were also provided for the construction of steel barrels, boilers and storage tanks. However, at present, the production of bridge members, boilers and storage tanks is being transferred to the plant at Brezno (Q49/D15). The production of barrels will be discontinued and transferred to a plant at Matejovce (Q50/D68).
2. The plant at Piesok, employing 1,200 workers, is currently engaged in the manufacture of wood-working machinery: cutting, smoothing, and boring machines, band saws and machines for cutting dovetail joints in planking. An oxygen unit will continue to function within the plant to supply local needs. The quality of machinery produced is generally good because the workers are well skilled in oxyacetylene and electric welding. Orders have been received for the export of this type of machinery to France.
3. The military importance of the Piesok plant is relatively small, although it could be converted to the production of grenades, gasoline storage tanks, gun carriages and welded army cots.

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